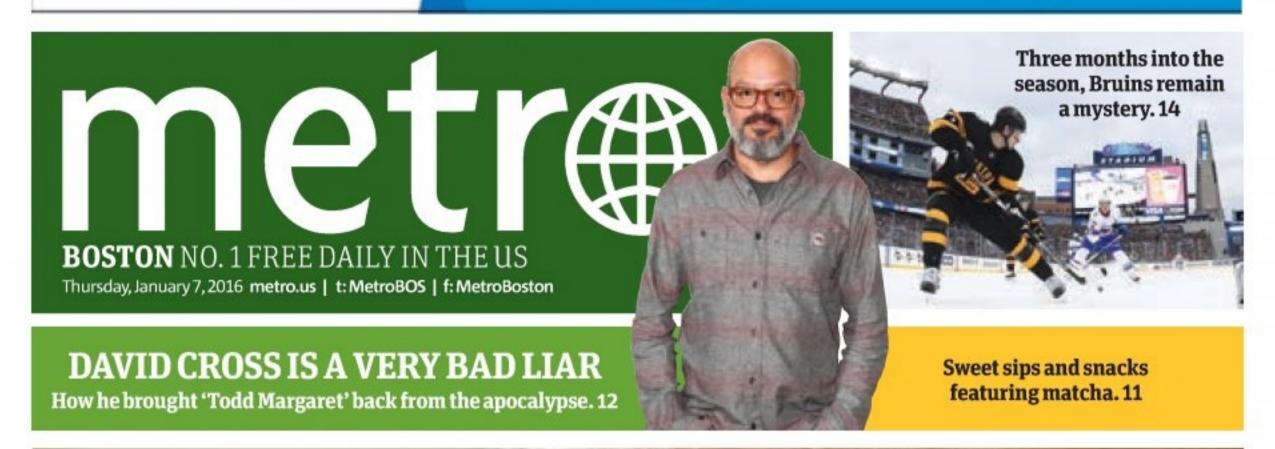


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Video streaming company Netflix on Wednesday launched its services in 130 countries, covering almost the entire globe except China, as part of efforts to counter slowing growth in the United States. Shares of the company, whose popular shows include "House of Cards", "Orange Is the New Black" and "Narcos," rose 5.5 percent to \$113.60 in afternoon trading. REUTERS



2ND GRAY DEATH TRIAL

On Wednesday a Maryland judge rejected a request to move the trial of a Baltimore police officer charged with murder in connection with the death of Freddie Gray out of the city. Gray died in April while in police custody. Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams denied a request by lawyers for Officer Caesar Goodson Jr., one of six officers facing criminal charges related to the incident, to move the trial out of the city due to the intense publicity that surrounded the riots that followed Gray's death. REUTERS

CHIPOTLE SUBPOENA

Chipotle said it was served with a grand jury subpoena in a federal criminal probe linked to a norovirus case in California last year. Shares of the chain fell over 5 percent to \$424.13, as the company grapples with a wave of norovirus and E. coli outbreaks that have sickened customers and battered sales.





STRANGER SAVES FAMILY

A dramatic fire nearly took the lives of a family in Spencer late Tuesday evening, but a mystery woman barged into their home and saved them. "All the sudden, I heard someone run into my house telling us to 'get out of the house, get out of the house," Chantelle Ricard, one of the family members saved by the woman told WHDH Boston. MATTLEE



APPLE FALLS BELOW \$100

Apple shares Wednesday dropped below \$100 for the first time in nearly five months following reports of slowing shipments of its iPhone 6S and 6S Plus. In afternoon trading, the stock briefly traded as low as \$96.96, its lowest level since Aug. 24, a day when the entire stock market suffered a "flash crash." Apple shares traded as low as \$92 that day. Apple shares have not closed below \$100 since Oct. 20, 2014. The shares were last at \$100.08 in late-afternoon trading. REUTERS

\$700K FOR NARCAN

Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts
Department of Public Health announced police
and fire departments in 40 communities will
receive \$700,000 for Narcan and training in the use of
the anti-opioid. The DPH identified hot-spots as areas
with an average annual rate of six unintentional opioid overdose
deaths per 100,000 people. Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, Quincy,
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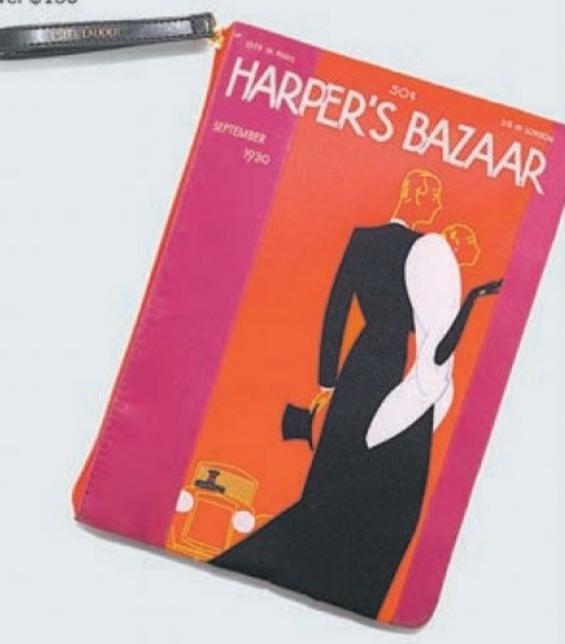


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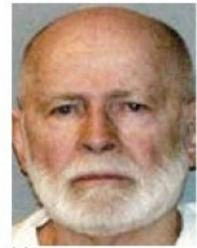
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Family members of one of former Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger's murder victims have no right to sue the U.S. government for \$9.9 million for failing to let them know he had been buried in an unmarked beachfront grave, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Dennis Saylor on Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit filed in June that charged the government had been negligent in taking 26 years to notify the family of rival mobster Paul McGonagle, who Bulger shot in the head in 1974, that McGonagle had been buried at a Boston-area beach.

McGonagle's wife, Mary, and sons Paul and Sean, argued in their suit that the government would have known about the burial because Bulger, now 86, frequently referred to the grave site, including in the presence of corrupt FBI agent John



Connolly. The family learned of the burial spot after a Bulger associate led police to it in 2000, six years after Bulger had fled Boston.

Saylor wrote that the government would have had no obligation to inform the family of the spot of McGonagle's burial, even if Connolly had been aware of it.

"The issue is not Connolly's moral findings, which appear to have been legion," the judge said. "Rather it is whether a private person in his position, having knowledge of the location of McGonagle's remains, would have had a legal duty to report that fact to his survivors."

Bulger was convicted in 2013 of committing or ordering 11 murders, including McGonagle's, while he ruled Boston's underworld as the head of the Winter Hill crime gang in the 1970s and '80s. Bulger fled the city in 1994 after a tip from Connolly that arrest was imminent. He spent 16 years on the run, many atop the FBI's "Most Wanted" list before agents caught up with him in California in 2011. His trial cast a harsh light on the corrupt relationship between the Boston office of the FBI, where agents who shared Bulger's Irish ancestry turned a blind eye to his crimes in exchange for information against the mafia. REUTERS

Judge tosses \$9.9M suit by family of 'Whitey' Bulger victim Meet Council's

Metro speaks with Michelle Wu, the first woman of color to become city council president, who promises "transparency" and "ambitious agendas."



It's been a big week for Michelle Wu, the 30-yearold from Roslindale elected to the president's seat on Boston's City Council on Monday. After being elected by her colleagues, the councilor since 2013 was sworn in to great fanfare in a ceremony helmed by Mayor Marty Walsh and attended by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Warren, who taught Wu — an attorney and new mom originally from Chicago — at Harvard, called her "a woman who gets out and does the hard work that needs to be done."

Wu, the first woman of color to lead the 13-member council, will serve as president for two years.

"It was a beautiful and long inauguration day," Wu told Metro in an interview on Wednesday. "But come Tuesday we're back to work and are fully back to the grind."

Taking a step away from a packed schedule, Wu took a few questions with us about her new job and the years ahead.

Much has been made about you being the first woman of color, and first Asian-American in the role of council president. What does that distinction mean to you? I'm always very aware

and very grateful for all the people who have come before me and opened up so many doors. Think about Sam Yoon, who was the first Asian-American on the council, about Ayanna Pressley, the first woman of color elected to the council.

As much as people are noticing that aspect of it, I want the focus to be on our work, our produc-



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tivity and the advocacy that happens for all the people of different backgrounds, of every race, of every income level in every neighborhood. Having a representative government leads to better policy, but the key is really getting residents from every background engaged in government.

Income inequality, an opioid epidemic, rising rents. What can a city council president do to solve these problems? My No. 1 focus is going to be transparency. We need to do a better job of letting people know what's happening so they can participate. We're revamping the council website to make it easier to track all of our work online. We'll be hosting town halls focused on the issues in the neighborhoods hosted by each committee chair.

On policy issues, we have some ambitious agendas and I think people will see after two years that the City Council has accomplished a lot in those areas.

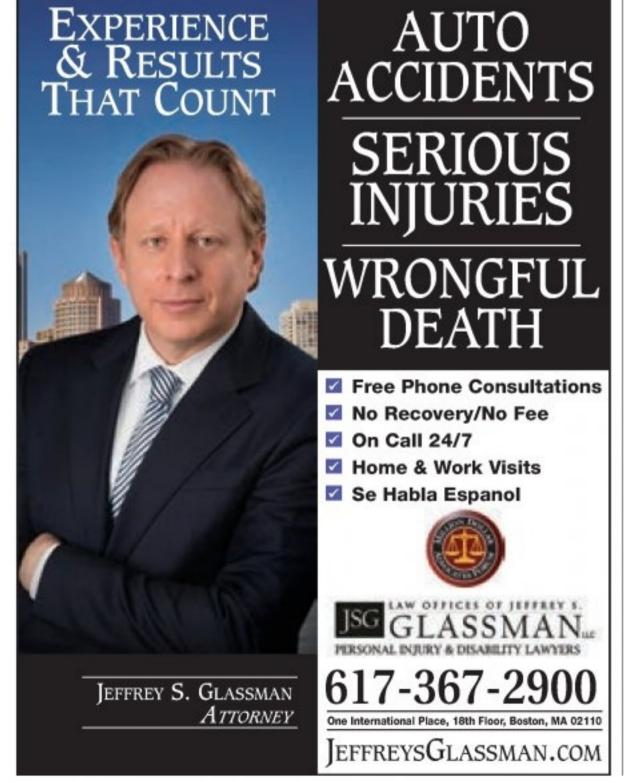
Considering the low turnout this year, is the council accountable to the city?

If we can do a better job of letting people know when our meetings and hearings are, what's happening in terms of what we're working on so they can suggest additions or changes, that's how we keep people engaged throughout the year. Hopefully because of that we'll see greater interest in participating.

President Obama this week announced executive actions on gun control. Are orders given in Washington going to impact the streets of Boston?

Our law enforcement has set the standard for community policing and really using statistics to understand where we should be putting our resources.

I think it always helps when there's greater awareness and a great urgency around an issue. Locally, I think our police department has been doing a lot and will



Michelle Wu



continue to do a lot.

Are lawmakers wrong to exempt Boston from local control of liquor licenses?

I don't know why there's an exemption. Boston should have local control of our liquor licenses, just as many of our cities and towns do — this is an issue that's been championed by Councilor Avanna

cilor Ayanna
Pressley.
Because those
licenses are
so closely tied
to economic
development,
it's important
that the city
be able to
have control
of it.

"No New Taxes" is what we're hearing from the Governor's Office and at the State House. What comes to your mind when you hear that refrain?

It's important that we recognize the need for programming and the need for services. At the city level, we see state aid for education and for local aid being cut year after year, and it falls to the municipalities to come up with the funding to plug those holes. When state aid goes down year after year, that funding is what keeps our schools open and what keeps able to provide for the residents in most need across Boston.

We take very seriously

"On policy issues, we have some ambitious agendas and I think people will see after two years that the City Council has accomplished a lot in those areas."

Wu

our role in watching over taxpayer dollars, but it's also important to remember who the faces are behind policy — that it's not just numbers.

There are many ways to get from Roslindale to City Hall. What's your commute like?

When possible I try to carpool with my husband. It's usually about a 45-minute drive.

Often, that's not possible, so I walk with a stroller to Roslindale Square and catch a bus ride to the Orange Line to State Street, and I walk from there over to City Hall. I now know where most of the elevators are on the T because I'm

always with a stroller.

We've also tried taking the Commuter Rail, but Roslindale is in Zone 1, so we have to pay over \$5 rather than just the \$2. It makes it more expensive.

What don't we know about you?

I love hiking, I love cooking, I love music — particularly classical music. I still have a piano and play it often. We have a digital Roland right now. One day, we'll be able to afford something else.



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Obama's gun plan not a cure-all

But the executive actions could stem the flow of guns into Boston from its New England neighbors, advocates said.



When state gun control activists consider the impacts of President Barack Obama's executive actions on firearms, they look north.

Massachusetts groups pushing for stricter gun laws told Metro this week that Obama's ideas — expanding background check requirements and closing the so-called "gun show loophole" — could help slow the flow of guns across state lines.

"Over time, it will certainly make it more difficult for criminals to get guns and it will save lives," said John



A seller discusses a gun with a buyer, GETTY IMAGES

Rosenthal, founder of the Massachusetts-based group Stop Handgun Violence. He joined Obama

at the White House for the executive order's announcement Monday.

As many as two in three guns involved in crimes in the commonwealth were bought in states where firearm laws are more lax — states like Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine — advocates who spoke to Metro said.

"Only two states have higher percentages of out-of-state guns found at crime scenes," said Ellie Miller, chair of an antigun violence campaign at First Church in Boston.

"Tightening background checks nationally will be helpful to every state in a way that strengthening laws only in individual states cannot cover."

"We look forward to the next step," said Molly Malloy of the state's wing of Moms Demand Action, which collected 1 million signatures in favor of gun control ahead of the announcement. "Which is trying to ask Congress to insist on background checks for every gun sold."

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, who was also in Washington on Monday for the announcement, said in a statement, "This is not just a local issue, or an inner-city issue. Guns move across city and state lines and all too easily from legal ownership to criminal possession."

At the same time, expanding background checks needs to come with better protections for women — so-called "straw buyers — whose partners force them to use their clean records to buy guns and skirt regulations, said Nancy Robinson, executive director of an advocacy group called Operation LIPSTICK.

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at crime scenes."

Miller

"are absolutely a strong

step in the right direction,

but we know that it will

put even more pressure

on women to act as straw

35-year-old who asked

Metro not to print her

actually bought a gun,

she said she served five

months and 10 days

in prison when an ex-

boyfriend pinned an il-

legal gun charge on her.

She now coaches at-risk

Although she never

full name.

"That pressure is real," said A.P., a Boston

buyers," Robinson said.

women to stay away from gun-toting men.

"I'm trying to show girls that they shouldn't just do what the guy tells them to do because of love," she said. "You're buying that gun for someone else and they're killing innocent people in the streets."

And according to Jamarhl Crawford, who said he grew up seeing firsthand what illegal guns can do to a community, stopping shootings in Boston will take more than executive actions from Obama.

"He's far off," said Crawford, a 44-year-old from Roxbury. "He has never seen it on the street levels. This won't stop the murders

in urban communities."
The Roxbury 44-year-

old said he can't even remember how many people he knows who, over the decades, have been shot on the streets of Boston.

In 2004, a bullet grazed his left shoulder "three inches from my heart," he said.

"It's so common," Crawford said. "People are finally getting hip to this problem. It's crazy."

> Additional reporting by Nate Homan



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US officials and experts cast doubt on North Korea's H-bomb claim

It was the fourth time that North Korea has exploded a nuclear device.

North Korea said it successfully tested a powerful nuclear bomb on Wednesday, drawing criticism from world powers even though experts and the U.S. government doubt that the isolated nation's atomic weapons capability is as advanced as Pyongyang claims.

It unnerved neighbors South Korea and Japan and prompted an emergency meeting on Wednesday of the U.N. Security Council in New York.

While a nuclear test had long been expected, North Korea's assertion that it exploded a hydrogen device, much more powerful than an atomic bomb, came as a surprise.

The White House said North Korea might not in fact have tested a hydrogen bomb.

The explosion caused an earthquake that was measured by the United States Geological Survey.

Pyongyang also said it was capable of miniaturizing, allowing a nuclear device to be adapted as a weapon and placed on a missile, potentially posing a new threat to the United States and its allies in Asia.

While the Kim government boasts of its military might to project strength globally, it also plays up the need to defend itself from external threats as a way to maintain control domestically.

The test drew world criticism, including from China and Russia. China, the major trade partner of North Korea, said it will lodge a protest with

"Let the world look up to the strong, self-reliant nucleararmed state."

Leader Kim Jong Un wrote in what North Korean state TV displayed as a handwritten note

Pyongyang.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said any nuclear test would be a "flagrant violation" of U.N. Security Council resolutions. "The initial analysis is not consistent with the claim the regime has made of a successful hydrogen bomb test," he told reporters.

Conventional atomic bombs split atoms from heavier elements such as

Japan's meteorological agency officer Yohei Hasegawa displays a chart showing seismic activity after a North Korean nuclear test. GETTY IMAGES

uranium or plutonium. They occur in one stage. The process is called fission. Hydrogen bombs have a second stage after fission. This fusion stage releases more energy.

North Korea has been under U.N. Security Council sanctions since it first tested an atomic device in 2006 and could face additional measures.

The Security Council said it would begin working immediately on significant new measures in response to North Korea, a threat diplomats said could mean an expansion of U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang.

It likely will take several days to determine more precisely what kind of nuclear device Pyongyang set off as a variety of sensors, including "sniffer planes," collect evidence.

South Korean intelli-

gence officials and several analysts also questioned Wednesday's whether explosion was a test of a full-fledged hydrogen device, pointing to its having been roughly as powerful as North Korea's last atomic test in 2013.

Stocks across the world fell for a fifth consecutive day as the North Korea tension added to a growing list of geopolitical worries and China fueled fears about its economy by allowing the yuan to weaken further.

No countries were given advance warning of a nuclear test, South Korea's intelligence service said, according to lawmakers briefed by intelligence officials.

In previous such tests, Pyongyang had notified China, Russia and the United States beforehand, they said. REUTERS



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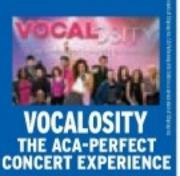


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Let's obsess over Amy Schumer's boyfriend

Big news! Everyone's pretend best friend - or, if you're lucky enough to be Jennifer Lawrence, your actual best friend - Amy Schumer has a new man in her life. And describing him will probably make you jealous: Schumer is reportedly dating Chicago-based custom furnituremaker Ben Hanisch, according to E! News. So, you know, he's good with his hands and knows how to keep warm in the winter. Oh, and he's totally into being effusive about his lady, which is a definite plus. Hanisch posted a photo of him and Schumer early this week with the touching caption, "Sometimes in life you get extremely lucky, and the smartest, funniest, most beautiful woman comes along when you least expect it. Here's to what adventures 2016 brings!" Oh, and apparently things are serious enough that he got to tag along to the White House this week with her. Are you overcome with jealousy yet?





Madonna's feud with son is over a cellphone, apparently

So all this trouble
Madonna is having with
her teenage son, Rocco?
Apparently it all comes
down to a fight mother
and son had over how
much he's allowed to
use his phone, according
to the Mirror. The fight
apparently took place
during her "Rebel Heart"
tour, which the 15-yearold promptly stormed
off of after their spat.
"Madonna is quite firm

with Rocco, and she took his phone from him when it interfered with his studies," a source says. "She is stricter than Guy [Ritchie], and Rocco doesn't like it. When she took the phone away, it pushed him over the edge." And over to London, where he sought refuge with Dad, sparking this whole impending custody battle. Fun times.

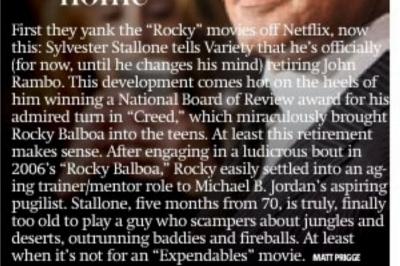
'The Americans' are having a baby

Exciting news for Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys, co-stars of the Cold War spy drama "The Americans" - which just so happens to be the best show on television that you're not watching. Shortly after teaming up for the show, the pair began dating. And now, according to Us Weekly, they've kicked things up a notch with their own little spy-baby on the way. "Keri is more than four months along," a source says. "It's so exciting for them." The couple dodged rumors about their dating at

first before stepping out together officially in April 2014. The former "Felicity" star has two children — son River, 8, and daughter Will, 4 - with exhusband Shane Deary. Russell's rep didn't respond to requests for comment on the story, though I'd imagine playing spies for the last few years has made them more prone to keeping secrets than usual.



Stallone takes his Rambo ball and goes home





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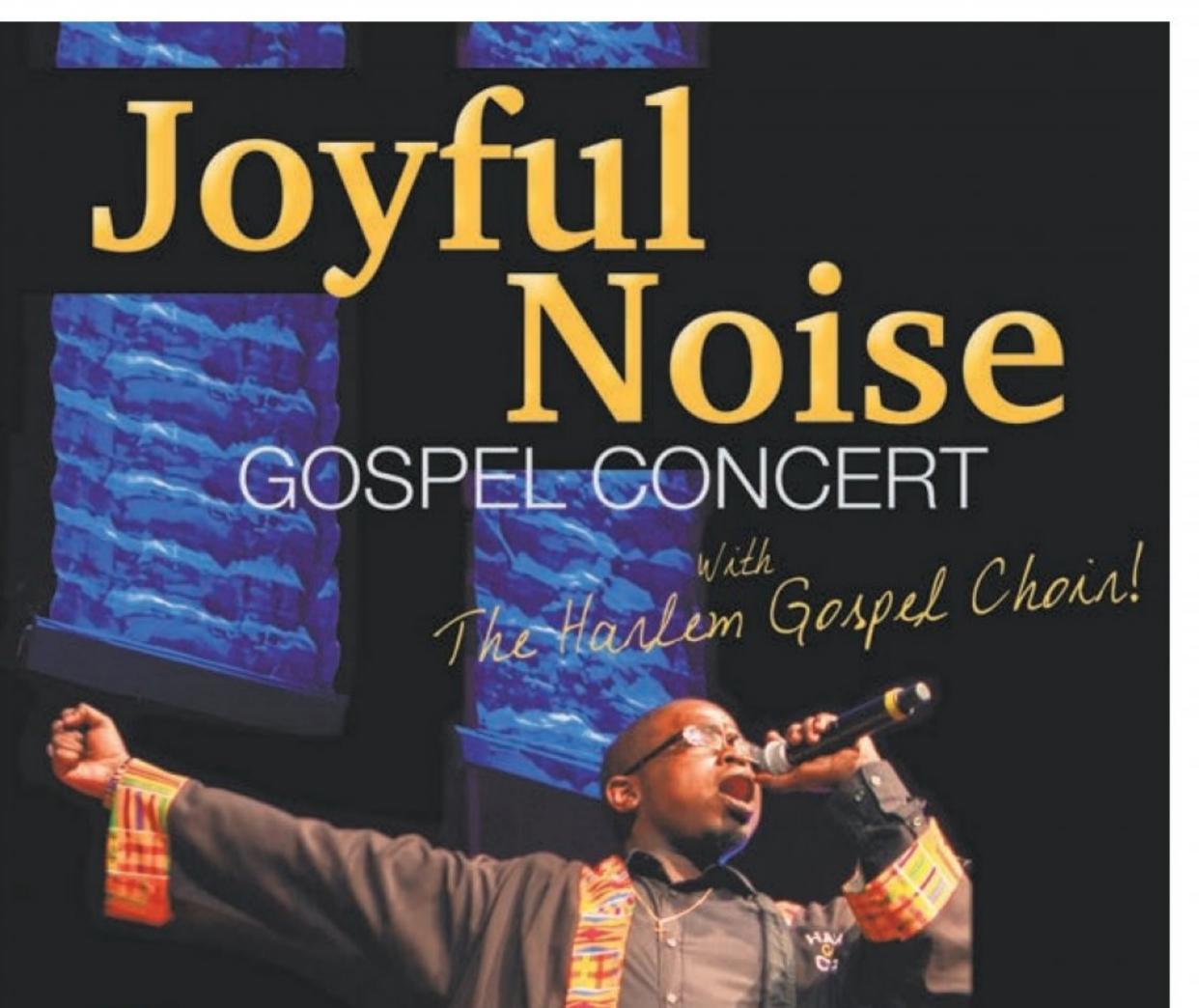


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The fierce women of 'Mozart in the Jungle'

Lola Kirke, Saffron Burrows and Bernadette Peters dish on the new season of their Amazon Prime show.



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On "Mozart in the Jungle," the characters played by Lola Kirke, Saffron Burrows and Bernadette Peters represent three different generations of women involved in a New York City orchestra. But there's no diva behavior involved. In fact, they get along and actually help each other.

During the Amazon
Prime show's second
season, their characters
— respectively, oboist
Hailey, cellist Cynthia
and orchestra director
Gloria — struggle with
their personal lives as
well as with a rarefied
industry always in flux.
We briefly spoke about
changing times and
not quite faking their
instruments.

Like Netflix, Amazon Prime releases every single episode of its new seasons in one fell swoop. Do you bingewatch?

Bernadette Peters: I did that with "Breaking







On "Mozart in the Jungle," whose second season now streams on Amazon Prime, Lola Kirke plays aspiring oboist Hailey, Saffron Burrows cellist Cynthia and Bernadette Peters orchestra exec Gloria. AMAZON

Bad." **Saffron Burrows:** I just binge-watched four episodes of

"Transparent" in one evening. Lola Kirke: There are certain movies I wish

certain movies I wish were longer. Some movies I'm like, "I wish this was over half an hour ago." But some I wish I could know those characters more and see their development.

Saffron and Lola, neither of you is a professional musician, and you have to fake playing your instruments —

Burrows: We don't fake. Kirke: I fake. The only thing I can play is the solo from Beethoven's Fifth. It's four notes long. If I say I can play the solo in Beethoven's Fifth, then you'd think I'm really good. But there's a big difference between playing a piece on the oboe and just sounding notes on it. It's hard to even sound a note on an oboe because it's a ridiculous instrument.

Burrows: You look like you're playing it. I just learn 90 seconds of everything. And when the camera keeps rolling, I'm really in trouble.

Gloria is on the management side.
Do any of you tend to get involved with the business angle of your industries? It seems you have to be at least a little savvy on both sides to be successful.

Kirke: It's hard. To understand the industry and understand why you're getting rejected all the time or why you're getting accepted all the time, that can be really interesting. It's a really difficult industry. It's beneficial

to understand what's happening — that if something's not working out, it might not be that you're untalented. Or if it is working out, it's also not necessarily because of you. It's humbling. Peters: I try not to focus on it a lot. I try to stay on the creative side. Hopefully, you have someone who does that for you. I had a manager for years, then I was kind of my own manager, as far as me saying, "I'm not going to do that." But you really don't want to be involved in that stuff. I hate it.

Kirke: I really want to play a P.A. [personal assistant] in a movie.

Burrows: Those are the people we know best. We spend most of our time with them.

Kirke: There's so much in that character — so much stress. You have to hide it all.

Togetherness

"Mozart in the Jungle" is very interesting in the way it presents most of its female relationships as very supportive. They're not always at each other's throats.

Peters: We're a very supportive cast for each other. It's a real thing.

Kirke: The writers are right to show supportive roles. But you

older oboist, played by Debra Monk], who's less supportive. You see the ways in which people can make enemies of each other. In any creative industry, it's important you find your mentors and the people who support you and the people who don't. That's reflected in



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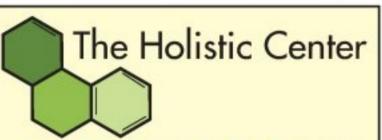
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Matcha Cake Rolls (\$6) are a popular sweet treat. Paired alongside vanilla ice cream and cubes of coffee gelatin made from the restaurant's Kyoto House Blend, the spongey dessert is made with tea leaves imported from Japan.

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For healthier picks, Juice Press at The Street in Chestnut Hill offers the Samurai Matcha Bowl (\$7). Packed with iron and protein, it's a mix of matcha, coconut milk, chia seeds, pistachios, sunflower seeds, dates, cashew, and vanilla.

The Lemon Matcha Cookies at Cocobeet (\$6-8) are another guiltfree option. A heart-healthy mix of cashews and almonds is paired with one of three different, healthy fillings - highquality chocolate, Asian strawberries and berry compote. Each topped with touch of matcha powder and agave.

Cocobeet (100 City Hall Plaza) Juice Press (33 Boylston St. Chestnut Hill)

Fancy Pants

This month, Back Bay's Deuxave welcomed Shaun Velez, a new Executive Pastry Chef from Chef Daniel Boulud's

restaurant group. With him, he'll bring a Meyer Lemon Vacherin (\$14) a traditional French dessert with a twist:

> dessert menu. And for a very special occasion, head to the Leather District's O Ya for Pastry Chef Deanie Hickox's White Chocolate Namelaka (\$12), which is like a very light ganache.

matcha steam cake, red

currant gelee and almond

foam-to the restaurant's

Meritage's Mousse(left) Ogawa's Matcha Cake Roll(top) PROVIDED It's paired with yuzu sherbet, matcha sponge cake and winter fruits. Meanwhile Meritage Restaurant and Wine Bar at the Boston Harbor Hotel uses just a touch of matcha on their Kalamansi Lime Mousse

Deuxave (371 Comm Ave) O Ya (9 East. St.) Meritage Restaurant and Wine Bar (70 Rowes Whorf)

(\$12), alongside mandarin

and pink grapefruit.

Liquid Courage

If the only way you'll dare to try matcha is if it comes on a cocktail menu, head to Parsnip in Harvard Square for their Little Green Monster

(\$10), a treat of BarSol Pisco, sapling maple liqueur, hot coconut cream, matcha tea powder and toasted pecan bitters.

But if you lean more towards the traditional, vou aren't out of luck. When Bread & Salt Hospitality's Juliet opens later this month, the Union Square restaurant will offer traditional Japanese matcha service at their 6-seat counter, where guests can watch as the powder is dissolved in water and whisked until it's frothy and ready to serve.

Parsnip (91 Winthrop St. Cambridge) Juliet (257 Washington St. Somerville)



THEATER

"Citizens of the Empire"

Friday through January 23

Calderwood Pavilion 527 Tremont St., Boston \$15-\$25, 617-933-8600 www.bostontheatrescene.com Boston Public Works presents this space opera by Kevin Mullins, Taking place sometime around the year 2816, it follows Marcus Kent, an aristocrat who's willing to put his title on the line to fight for the freedom of his people, and against his former peers in the court. If you're impatient for the

next "Star Wars," check this out.



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POETRY

The Sunday Salons

Saturdays, 5 p.m. Plaza Theater 539 Tremont St., Boston Free, thesundaysalons@gmail.com

www.thesundaysalons.com This weekly poetry and music series was on hiatus for a spell, but now it's back weekly at the Boston Center for the Arts with new hosts Daniel

DeLoma and Gerald Acevedo. Each session is recorded for digital radio broadcast. This weekend's re-inaugural session includes poets Alex Dimitrov, Soren Stockman and Danniel Shooenbeek, and guest musician Johnny Sciortino.

BOOKS

Greg Jobin-Leeds and AgitArte

Thursday, 7 p.m.

Harvard Book Store 1256 Mass Ave., Cambridge Free, 617-661-1515 www.harvard.com

What's driving all this new social justice activism of the last few years, and what are the philosophies behind it? What inspires them and keeps them going? Author and activist Greg Jobin-Leeds will introduce a panel discussion with the collective AgitArte on their new book, "When We Fight, We Win!" which collects insights

from some of the leading activists into these very questions.

MOVIES

"The Thing"

Friday and Saturday Coolidge Corner Theater 290 Harvard St., Brookline \$12,617-734-2500 www.coolidge.org

As we move into the dead of winter, it's worth remembering things could be worse-for instance, you could be a scientist trapped on an Antarctic research station, being stalked by a-well, some kind of horrible, horrible Thing. Such is the nightmare of John Carpenter's 1982 horror masterpiece, a remake that became a classic in its own right.

COMEDY

Your Terrible Ex!

Fridays at 10 p.m. The Riot Theater 146A South St., Jamaica Plain

www.theriottheater.com For this weekly improv show,

the cast will take your stories about bad relationships and make comedy out of them, just like you weren't able to do. Whether your ex was clingy, overbearing or just loved their

cats more than you, let these quick wits turn your pain into communal amusement, because laughter is the best revenge.

FOOD

Boston Chili Takedown

Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Middle East Downstairs 480 Mass. Ave., Cambridge \$20, 866-777-8932 www.ticketweb.com Often you'll see chili cookoffs hosted by the local neighborhood business alliance, with several area restaurants contributing, but at this event you'll gorge on exclusively home-cooked chili. You can't get this at a restaurant, only right here — unless you make friends with these people, of course. As for the status of your digestive system later, that'll be your responsibility.

ART

"I Know Just What You're Saying"

Through January 31 Kingston Gallery 450 Harrison Ave., Boston Free, 617-423-4113 www.kingstongallery.com This multi-artist show is

the result of an intriguing experiment: one artist created a work to give to another, who then had to create another in response, but give it to a different artist, and so on. The works will be displayed in the order they were created, allowing the viewer to follow the unpredictable process of transformation.

MUSIC

Boston's Celtic Music Festival

Friday and Saturday Various Locations Cambridge \$15-\$65, 617-492-7679 www.passim.org

This annual smorgasbord of music and dance from across the Celtic world — Ireland, Scotland, Cap Breton and more - returns. There are too many talents to name in this tiny box, so it'll suffice to say Passim has put together another stellar lineup. It kicks up Friday night with the Boston Urban Ceilidh dance party.

The Prepared Piano

Saturday and Sunday Institute of Contemporary Art

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100 Northern Ave., Boston Free with admission, 617-478-3100 www.icaboston.org

For the musically adventurous: at these in-gallery concerts, part of the Institute of Contemporary Art's exhibition on radical art school Black Mountain College, pianist Elaine Rombola will perform John Cage's "Sonatas and Interludes," works which famously require the piano to be "prepared" by sticking various objects - screws, erasers, paper clips, etc. between the strings.

Sharpest

Saturday, 9:15 p.m. The Lilypad 1353 Cambridge St., Cambridge \$7,617-955-7729

www.lilypadinman.com This local instrumental math rock band takes the twinkly guitar sounds most commonly associated with the Kinsellas and their progeny and mixes it with the contorted time signatures of bands like Hella. Explosive, spastic and wicked smaht, this music might just re-wire your brain. They'll be joined at the Lilypad by Idle Pilot, Spelling and Great News. MATTHEW DINARO

MUSIC

Honduras

Monday, 9 p.m. Great Scott 1222 Comm. Ave., Allston \$9, 18+, 800-745-3000 www.greatscottboston.com

This Brooklyn band reminds us of the Strokes or Interpol with their taut New Wave energy and angular, melodic dueling guitars, but those guitars have a more monstrous, grungier sound, with occasional octave runs reminiscent of Jersey emo and a melodic sense more akin to the pop punk of Wavves. Anyone nostalgic for '00s indie rock will find them quite familiar.

David Cross on the third season of "Todd Margaret. coun HUTTON/IFC

If you go:

Wilbur Theater

246 Tremont St. March 27 at 7:30.

Tickets are \$29-\$39 ticketmaster.com

David Cross: Making

America Great Again!

The "Todd Margaret" star tells us the truth.



David Cross's very funny IFC series, "The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret," returns Jan. 7 after a three-year hiatus. The second season ended with the end of the world (literally), so the 51-year-old comedian had some serious storyboarding to do before bringing his show back to TV. He'll be in Boston on March 27 for his "Making America Great Again!" tour at the Wilbur, his first stand-up tour in six years.

We caught up with the one-time Emerson student before his show premieres.

Season 2 of this show ended with Todd Margaret blowing up the entire world. How do you revive a show that ended with the apocalypse?

The short answer is, I didn't. I had no intention of revisiting the show. It felt complete. I thought we'd done a really good job there, and told the story from beginning to end just the way we had meant to. Then IFC poked me about doing a third series and I said, "No no no no no no, but out of common courtesy and professionalism, I will approach the other writers and see if there's any ideas that they have,

because I can't think of one."

David Cross says he's a 'terrible liar'

Within an hour, Mark Chappell wrote up this amazing idea that was so good that I stood there going ,"Shit. I've got to do this again. I'm going to have to do this. I'm going to have to go back to London for another nine months and be away from friends and family and my dog and my house." That's how good the idea was.

To what degree will viewers be lost watching Season 3 if they missed Seasons 1 and 2?

No, not really. Here's the difference: If you go to the Museum of Modern Art, and you're looking at some big painting, like a Mark Rothko or a Jackson Pollock, you might look at it and go, "Huh, that's kind of interesting, I guess," and then you walk away. The difference between that experience and looking at that piece with someone pointing out what's interesting about this painting [is that you walk away with a greater appreciation of it [with context.]

Both people who viewed the painting enjoyed it, but one person is going to enjoy it on a much deeper level. I would say, that would be true of someone who watches Season 3 without seeing the first two.

Todd Margaret is portrayed as a nearly pathological liar. Are you

a liar? Can you remember the last lie you told?

I'm sure the last lie I told was something like, "Oh, yeah, I enjoyed it. Really good show!" or something to that effect, but I am a terrible liar. I get sweaty and I kind of get outside myself and I can see how the person is looking at me and I feel like I'm giving off a million tells and everyone can see I'm lying.

Both your wife, Amber Tamblyn, and her dad, Russ Tamblyn, play guest roles on the show. Two questions: Is it weird to mix family life and professional life like that? And, is there any chance that Russ will break out some of his "West Side Story" dances moves? No, there is no chance of the latter happening. Russ had open heart surgery shortly before he had to fly out to London, so we were already crossing our fingers, just hoping he'd recover in time. We were very lucky to get him but, yeah, no dancing. As for mixing family

life and professional life, it's great. Any time I get to work with my wife is a treat. She's really funny and it's great to have her on set, and the same is true of Russ. I'm extremely lucky to be able to do stuff where I can employ them and pay their way over to London,

you know?



How to spend two days in LA

The head of Kiehl's tells us which Los Angeles spots not to miss.

Los Angeles holds many charms for Kiehl's USA President Chris Salgardo, who says it's one of his favorite places to visit for business. (Good thing, too — he flies there about twice a month; California is the skin care brand's biggest market in the U.S. outside New York.)

"California was my home for so many years," says Salgardo, who is based in New York City but grew up in Thousand Oaks, California.

"When I go, there's a feeling of comfort and familiarity," adds Salgardo, whose company has 63 free-standing U.S. stores and one spa in New York City. "I love the fact that there are so many different things to see — it's the entertainment capital of the world. I love just going down Hollywood Boulevard, even when it was filled with seedy theaters. There's so much happening at the Disney Concert Hall, and let's not forget about the fabulous shopping on Rodeo Drive."

Here are Salgardo's tips for making the most of two workdays in Los Angeles.

How to get to town from the airport

La Cienega. It cuts right through the city, and you can be in West Hollywood or Beverly Hills in 20 minutes.

Where to go right after you land

Farmers Market (6333 W.

Third St.). The best doughnut place in the whole world is there: Bob's Coffee and Doughnuts (Stall 450). Get there early in the morning and get them piping hot. They have this incredible glaze that literally melts in your mouth. It's really like no other doughnut I've had in my life.

Where to sleep

L'Ermitage Beverly Hills (9291 Burton Way, Beverly Hills) is my home away from home for the best service and privacy. The service cannot be beat - they know your name, they give you anything you want. If it's 11 o'clock, and you want cheesy mashed potatoes, they'll make it for you. The hotel can be completely sold out yet you'd never really know it. It's so quiet, it's so discreet, and I just love that.

Power breakfast or lunch spot

Soho House (9200 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood) has the best views and best networking in LA.

Best place to have a productive business meeting

Palihouse (8465 Holloway Dr., West Hollywood) is tucked away, but easy to get to for private meetings.

Team outing

Griffith Observatory (2800 E. Observatory Road) for outdoor fun and to see the "other" stars in L.A. The views are incredible, and you get something that you just don't expect in Los Angeles.

Best boite

Akbar (4356 Sunset Blvd.) is a great place to hang with the trendy Silver Lake crowd. The Friday happy hour is the best time — totally yuppy with a little bit of trendiness, which I always love to observe.

Killing time

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (5905 Wilshire Blvd.) for the incredible art, especially its Broad Contemporary Art Museum, to see some of the best Jeff Koons pieces in the world.

Favorite tourist trap

Knott's Berry Farm (8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park) for its famed chicken dinner and Old West theme park.

Essential chow

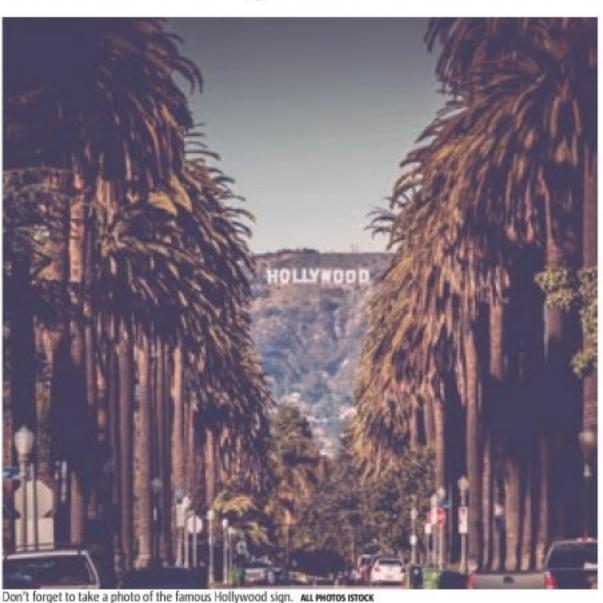
Du-par's (6333 W. Third St.) The French toast is addictive. It's done with the challah bread and melted butter. Instead of maple syrup, have them bring you the boysenberry syrup, and you'll be in heaven. And Maria's Ramada (1064 N. Kingsley Dr.) for authentic Mexican food. Speaking Spanish will come in handy.

Before you leave

Everybody wants a souvenir with the Hollywood sign, and you're going to find that in spades out there. You can also get that cut-out of Brad Pitt.



Chris Salgardo of Kiehl's suggests a stop at LACMA to see the world-renowned art collection.





Bruins still trying to find an identity this season



The B's remain a tough team to figure out three months into the season.



Nearly every team experiences a similar scenario at one point or another in the laborious 82-game NHL regular season. It now appears to be Boston's (20-14-4) appointed time to struggle.

Thanks to a confluence of injuries to key players (David Krejci, David Pastrnak and Adam McQuaid) plus a costly three-game suspension (Brad Marchand), the Bruins have lost five of their last six games following Tuesday's 3-2 setback to Washington (29-7-3). With their continually vexing home (9-11-2) and road records (11-3-2) fully intact, not to mention the top power play unit in the NHL (28.4 percent), the Bruins remain a very difficult club to figure out.

The B's have a fivegame road trip starting on Friday (7 p.m., NESN) at New Jersey (20-15-5), so they will have to recover quickly to hang onto their playoff position (currently eighth-place in the Eastern Conference and fourth-place in the Atlantic Division). Rather than bristle at the difficult task ahead of them, the players seem to relish the opportunity knowing how well the road has treated them so far in 2015-16.

"We simplify our game on the road," noted defenseman Torey Krug, who had an assist against the Capitals. "It's always fun to steal points in other buildings."

After facing the Devils, Boston heads to Ottawa (19-15-6) on Saturday (7 p.m., NESN) to take on a team that they are tied with - although the B's have played two fewer games thus far. The Bruins beat the Devils, 2-1, in a shootout at the Garden on Dec. 20 and they split a home-and-home with the Senators (losing 3-1 in Ottawa on Dec. 27 and then blitzing them, 7-3, in Boston two nights later). Brad Marchand earned his suspension in that rematch with an illegal check so it's somewhat ironic that he'll return to face the

Sens. Boston is at Madison Square Garden on Monday (7 p.m., NESN) to face the Rangers (22-14-4) before traveling to Philadelphia (16-15-7) on Wednesday (8 p.m., NBCSN) and wrapping things up in Buffalo (15-21-4) on Friday (7 p.m., NESN). The Bruins and Rangers played a thrilling game the day after Thanksgiving (a 4-3 Boston win) and although the Flyers and Sabres are the two weak links of this trip, they both already own a victory over the B's this season.

It's not hard to figure out why the Bruins have played so poorly of late: In those five most recent losses, they have combined to score a total of just seven goals. Getting Marchand back in the lineup should clearly help but many players talked about getting to the net more and creating traffic. That was something that they didn't do enough of against Washington's Braden Holtby (25 saves).

"We are still right there in the standings," explained right wing Loui Eriksson. "We have to get points on the road and start climbing up."



Ankle watch



Tom Brady appeared at the Patriots walk-through practice Wednesday and jogged without a limp despite a "high ankle sprain." Julian Edelman was also seen practicing Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

THE WAY-TO-EARLY TOP 10 LIST



For the next eight months, we can't be wrong. It's a beautiful feeling.

Real fantasy football decisions won't come until September, meaning we'll argue about all sorts of things related to the future. The best place to argue is at the top.

Obviously, quarterbacks are out of the discussion as they have been for years. Note that eight of fantasy's top-12 point-per-game QBs went after the ninth round this season. As for running backs, there's going to be a lot of "never again" people converting to the zero-RB religion. The bust rate at the position was an outlier this year and running backs are still very viable at the top, but we do need to be careful with two-down power backs - even studs like Adrian Peterson and Todd Gurley.

On to the outrageously early 2016 top-10:

Antonio Brown, WR, PIT

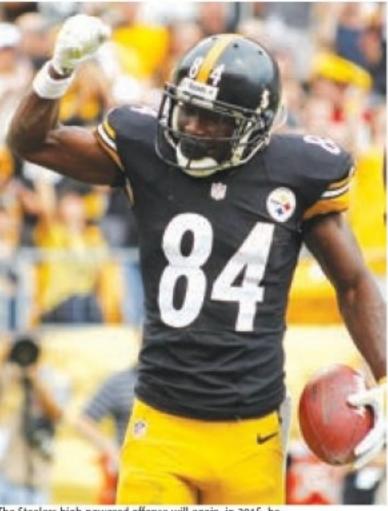
Ben Roethlisberger played in 12 games this season. In those, Brown had a 16game pace of 158 catches for 2,132 yards and 13 touchdowns. The NFL records are 143 catches and 1,964 yards. He'll be just 28 years old next season.

Julio Jones, WR, ATL

Matt Ryan was not good, ranking 13th in YPA and 20th in passer rating as he struggled through the first year in Kyle Shanahan's offense. Julio still had a historic season with nine 100-yard games and 136 catches (tied with Brown for second-most ever). The 26-year-old Jones has missed one game in the last two years.

30dell Beckham Jr., WR, NYG

Through two NFL seasons, Beckham is averag-



The Steelers high-powered offense will again, in 2016, be a good source of individual fantasy points. GETTY IMAGES

ing 6.9 catches for 102.0 yards and 0.92 touch-downs. There's little reason to think he can't sustain that, especially with the Giants' inept defense showing no signs of immediate improvement.

4 DeAndre Hopkins, WR, HOU

Even with Brian Hoyer likely back as the Texans' starter, Hopkins is a safe pick due to volume. Bill O'Brien's team ranked third in seconds between plays and first in plays per game. Hopkins averaged an immense 12.0 targets per game.

5Le'Veon Bell, RB, PIT

Two knee surgeries in the last two years is a concern, but at least the ACL is intact. Bell is the rare elite talent in top-tier offense that dominates in both the pass game and at the goal line.

6 Allen Robinson, WR, JAX

Blake Bortles' sophomore season numbers were Favre-esque. Another leap into his third year means there's room for A-Rob to build on his 80-1,400-14 breakout.

7Rob Gronkowski, TE, NE

It didn't feel like Gronk had a very good year, but he still went over 1,100 yards and 10 touchdowns for the second-straight season. A better play in touchdown-heavy formats.

BDez Bryant, WR. DAL

Bryant broke his foot in Week 1 and Tony Romo played in four games all year. Throw it out. In the previous three seasons, the 27-year-old Bryant never had less than 88 catches, 1,233 yards or 12 touchdowns.

David Johnson, RB, ARZ

Similar to Bell, Johnson is uniquely gifted in the pass game and has been the Cardinals' preferred option at the goal line. They've also made him an every-down player in the most critical of situations.

10A.J. Green, WR, CIN

Five seasons in the NFL, five 1,000-yard seasons. Also only missed four games during that span and averaged 0.59 TDs per game. Safe as they come.



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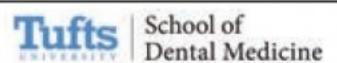
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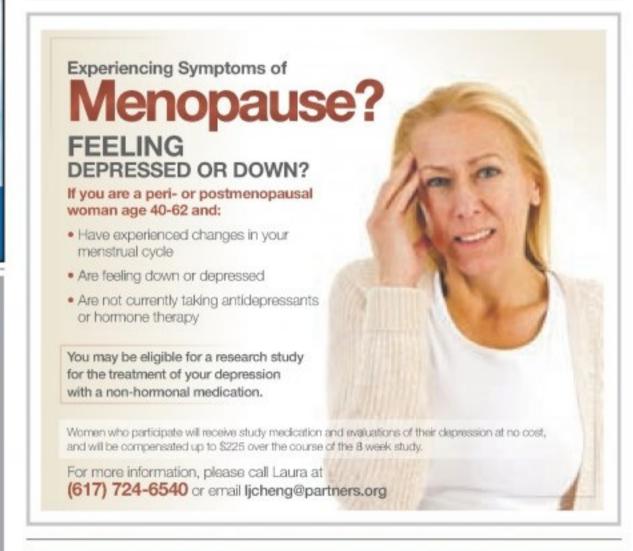
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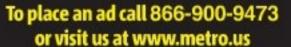
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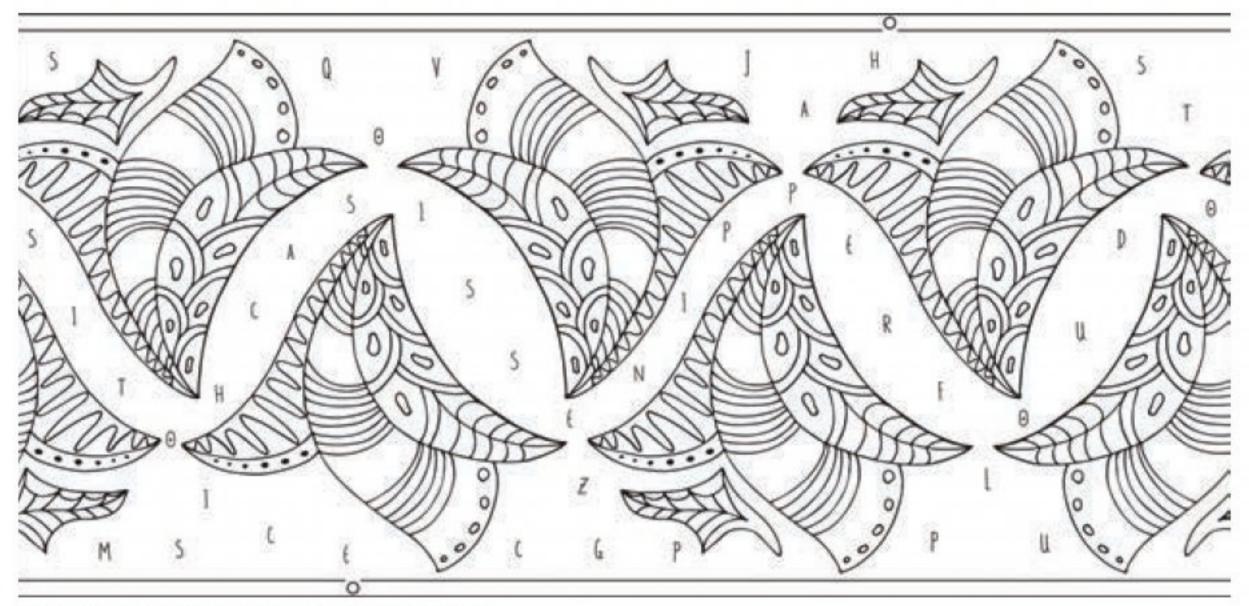
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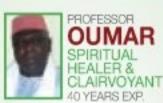
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